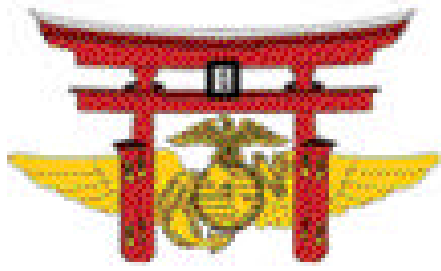


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Station makes votes count

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The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act allows members of the United States armed services (on active-duty), their family members and U.S. citizens residing outside of the United States to vote.

Being located overseas, the only way residents can vote is as an absentee voter.

The Voting Office, located at the Station Adjutant Office, will help all absentee voters or U.S. residents interested in registering to vote.

"Voting is essential in the life of a service member. People don't seem to realize that it is we who vote for our leaders. They make decisions that affect our life more than civilians," said Staff Sgt. Keith Aubert, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron voting assistance officer. "Regardless if they are overseas they should still vote."

Absentee voters should request their ballots at least 60 days prior to the election, said Aubert.

"In order to register and vote absentee, an eligible U.S. citizen must carefully and accurately complete a

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Marines celebrate holiday in desert

SGT. MATT EPRIGHT
1st Force Service Support Group

CAMP TAQADDUM, Iraq — What little beer they had was nonalcoholic and the fireworks were nonexistent, but that didn't stop service members from celebrating their independence here, July 3 and 4, just days after helping to deliver the Iraqis theirs.

The two days of Independence Day activities included a comedy show and blues concert, as well as several sporting events and a barbecue.

Several hundred Marines, Sailors and Soldiers from all across the camp packed around a stage and stayed late into the evening July 3, to enjoy the comedic styling of Detroit-based Pete Gray and the rock and rhythm of Los Angeles band The Red Hot Blues.

"It's kind of like a little piece of home coming out here," said Cpl. Scott T. Schultz, from Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group.

Camp Taqaddum was the entertainers' second stop of a three-camp tour. They were at Camp Fallujah July 2 and went to Camp Al Asad July 4.

"I think it's really cool that these guys came out here, to a hostile area, just to be with us," said Schultz, a 21-year-old native of Mayville, N.D.

Gray, who has been to several other hot spots around the globe, including Bosnia and Kosovo, said he feels it is his civic duty to perform for deployed troops, though his friends at home think he is crazy for doing it.

"Service members tend to be a much more appreciative audience," said the 26-year-old native of Birmingham, Mich.

Camp residents enjoyed the opportunity to unwind and forget, for a little while, that they are away from home.

"I think it's good for the morale of the Marines," said Staff



Photo by Lance Cpl. Samuel Bard Valliere

Lance Cpl. Ryan T. Dayton, and Sgt. Bryce Catlett, crack up while listening to Pete Gray, a Detroit-based comedian, perform his stand-up act at Camp Taqaddum, Iraq, July 3.

Sgt. Howard R. Shadwell, a 30-year-old native of Paris, Texas, who is also from H&HS Battalion. "It breaks up the monotony of having to do work every single day."

The next day's events kicked off before the sun even peaked over the horizon, with a 3.2-mile foot race, followed by morning volleyball and horseshoe games and a softball tournament that lasted throughout the day.

For a traditional Fourth of July meal, the camp's mess hall fired up outdoor grills and cooked hamburgers and chicken for the troops.

The concert was put on by the camp's morale, welfare and recreation coordinators and the second day's events were set up by civilian contractors from Kellogg, Brown and Root.

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Scattered T-Storms
High: 85

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Station officials warn against identity theft

LANCE CPL GIOVANNI LOBELLO
Combat Correspondent

With nine simple numbers or a bank receipt thrown into the trash, a service member's identity can be mirrored and vital information obtained.

Identity theft involves taking personal information and using it for personal gain. Criminals can use basic information to make purchases or for other means of wreaking havoc in someone's life.

"If you find yourself a victim of identity theft, take immediate steps to limit the damage," advised Capt. Matt Spurlock, Staff Judge Advocate Office legal assistance officer. "See legal assistance, contact the local authorities along with contacting the credit bureau and notify them that you have been a victim of identity theft."

In addition to knowing what to do

after identity theft has occurred, taking the proper precautions to prevent such incidents from occurring is also important.

"The key to identity theft should be prevention," said Spurlock. "Take the proper steps to secure personal information. Never give others your passwords or pin numbers and be cautious when asked to provide your social security number if you suspect something is not right."

The after effect of identity theft is not something that goes away as easy as it happens.

"This can be a big problem because if you are a victim of identity theft it can be a long and expensive process to correct what the thief has done to you," said Spurlock. "Severe damage can be done to your credit report. A bad credit report can prevent you from buying cars, taking out loans and buying homes."

In conjunction with identity theft occurring because of improperly disposed information, the dependency of ever-growing electronic industry can also play a factor in identity theft.

"Phishing is the name of a new scam that involves the use of e-mails," said Gunnery Sgt. Anaiz Stinson, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron information assurance manager. "These e-mails are being passed around and claim to be from financial institutions. They are worded so you feel threatened and the only way to fix it is by giving up information. When you receive e-mails that ask you to give out personal information, don't. Social security numbers, credit card information or anything else transferred on the Internet can be retrieved by hackers very easily."

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Uniqueness, courage lies within

CHAPLAIN TIM GAULT
Letter to the Editor

Walt Kelly, once pictured his most famous comic-strip character, Pogo, fishing in a swamp.

Time and again, a duck came along and sat down beside

Pogo. The duck opened the conversation, "Has you seen my cousin?"

Pogo answered, "Your cousin?" "Yes, my cousin. He's migrating north by kiddy car." Pogo asks, "By kiddy car?"

"Yep. He's afraid to fly. He's afraid he's gonna fall off." "Then why don't he swim?" Pogo responds. "Well, he don't like to swim 'cause he gets seasick." With a measure of insight, Pogo states, "When your cousin decided to be a duck, he chose the wrong business."

That little comic strip could be called, a "beatitude of life." "Blessed is the duck who, when he decides to be a duck, does what a duck is supposed to do!"

This little "beatitude" gives us several things to think about. The duck needs to come to terms with the

fact that he is indeed a duck. He is not a giraffe. He is not an elephant. And, though he is a bird, he is certainly not an eagle or an ostrich. It will not do any good for him to spend his life attempting to live out the lifestyles of any of those other animals. He looks

like a duck. He quacks like a duck. He waddles like a duck. He is, after all, a duck.

Once he accepts his illustrious "duckness," he is freed to then actually enjoy the freedom and brotherhood of the grand order of

"Duckdom." He can swim and frolic in the lakes with the other duckies. He can fly south for the winter. He can find a suitable partner and raise a whole new family of ducklings. It sounds as simple as the bill on the front of his face and quite liberating.

King David knew this liberation. He exuberantly proclaimed, "I will praise You because I am unique in remarkable ways. Your works are wonderful, and I know this very well" (Psalm 139:14 HCSB). Now, that sounds like someone who accepts his own individuality! Can you hear the positivism in his voice as you read his

words? That sound you hear is the wisdom of a person who knew himself, knew his God and knew great personal success in life.

A second consideration is that once we accept our uniqueness, we should approach life with a plan. Where are your strengths? What are your weaknesses? What are your responsibilities right now? How are you planning to grow in your competency in your responsibilities and in the areas of your weaknesses? How are you planning to emphasize your strengths? What are your long-term goals?

A third consideration is that as long as you are going to do "what a duck is supposed to do," you might as well work to the best of your abilities. There is no benefit in comparing yourself to others or in trying to be someone you are not. Just do the very best you are able and look for ways to improve. Assume a learning posture and accept opportunities to change. Your good work will put you into a favorable position for the future, as well as allow you to feel the satisfaction of a job well done.

In closing, take courage. You, like every one else, are unique in remarkable ways and you are the wonderful work of the great God.

Why did Kim Sun-il have to die?

Cause and effect: decision making in the war on terror

CHAPLAIN STEPHEN COATES
Part seven in a 10 part series

If you care about life and people, these are tough days. I did not want Kim Sun-il to die at the age of 33. He worked very hard to learn Arabic so that, through translation, he could be a servant to those he did not know.

A few men I do not know celebrated their cause by removing his head. They thought it was the right thing to do.

His abductors offered a way to avoid his execution. If South Korea would only abort their intention of sending 3,000 individuals to help Iraqi citizens in rebuilding their country, the terrorists would allow Kim Sun-il to live.

So who killed him? Many demonstrators in South Korea carried placards saying, "Bush and Roh (President of South Korea) Killed Kim Sun-il." Do you believe that sign?

Let's change the situation. You are a Marine in Iraq. Hostile forces are firing on your position. The insurgents are using children as shields. You can take out the enemy but probably not without injury or death to innocents. You are ordered to fire and you obey. In the next few moments, bad things happen. The enemy is firing on you and your friends. You send volleys down range. Over the next months, you replay the series of events in your mind again and again. You feel responsible for killing an innocent child. Are you responsible?

These situations involve what Natural Law philosophers call "The Doctrine of Double Effect" – one action has two results: one is desired and the other is not. You want to disable the enemy; you do not want to harm the child.

South Korea wants to help Iraq without catering to terrorists; they desperately did not want to lose Kim Sun-il.

You will face situations like this in your life though they may not be so dramatic. For instance, you promise a friend you will meet him at a certain restaurant at a specific time. On your way, you encounter someone in need. Do you help the person (desired effect) but break your promise (bad effect)?

When you face a situation like this, ask yourself the following questions: Is the bad effect my desire? If it is, cut it out. If not, ask is there a way to avoid the bad effect? If you find a solution – great! If time is not an issue, help the person after your dinner. Maybe someone else could meet the need. If no alternative will work, ask is the bad effect the means of producing the good effect? Is breaking your promise the means of helping the individual? No. You could break your promise by playing golf. In this case, helping the other person in need unintentionally causes you to be late. Finally, ask does the bad outweigh the good? This is a tough call but the question needs to be answered.

By the way, terrorists killed Kim Sun-il, Paul Johnson and Nicholas Berg. We did not kill them but we are the ones who feel the pain and take responsibility for tough choices.

Some days, it is hard to do our jobs. We do them anyway – not with hearts of stone, as though calloused, but with hearts of flesh. Courage only exists in those who care.

Choice. It's a tough assignment if you care.

Safety enhanced with new hotline

LANCE CPL GIOVANNI LOBELLO
Combat Correspondent

The Station's Anti-terrorism Force Protection Office has once again raised the standards for the safety of residents here.

As of today, a hotline dedicated to AT/FP issues will be available for Station residents to call.

"The new hotline number will be 253-ATFP (2837)," said Andrew Samuels, Station's Anti-terrorism Force Protection officer. "We thought that would be an easy number for Station residents to remember since it is a new number."

The new hotline should only be used if there are any AT/FP emergencies, added Samuels.

"Instances that would be considered emergencies would be suspicious vehicles parked adjacent to important buildings, people taking pictures from off base or people trying to jump the

fence to get on base," said Gary Saiki, emergency communications supervisor. "All other emergencies, like fights, should still be directed to either 119 or 911. It is important for people to remember that this is not a second phone line to report those emergencies to."

"Military police will now have to respond to 911 calls along with any AT/FP calls reported," said Samuels. "It is important that emergencies are reported to avoid tying up the Station's road units."

The new AT/FP hotline will be a phone call away 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"When the hotline is dialed, the call will be received by three different locations," said Saiki. "Regardless of the time of day, someone will always be there to answer the call."

The idea of creating this new phone line was a team effort by the personnel at the Provost Marshal's Office.

"This new line has been in the making for a couple of months now," Saiki said. "I hope that people will feel safer knowing there is a hotline available to report suspicious actions to."

"The AT/FP hotline is a great way

for the community to directly contact AT/FP officials regarding the safety of this installation, said Master Sgt. Rodney Redmon, Provost Marshal's Office AT/FP officer.



Gunnery Sgt. Roderick Haynes

Station residents need to be aware of suspicious packages like this found at the Station Post Office more than a year ago.

Teens discuss issues during workshop

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Combat Correspondent

Station teenagers, ages 13 to 15 years old, met and discussed social and teenage issues at the Seven Habits for Highly Effective Teens workshop here, Tuesday.

The workshop is inspired by the national bestselling book of the same name, and has been customized to suit the needs of the military teenager.

Station children deal with an array of problems; problems that come in the territory of adolescence.

"The children here have a lot on their shoulders," said Jackie Allen, Innovation and Improvement Office quality instructor. "One thing is they are Americans living in Japan and in such a confined space."

"The teenagers here live somewhat of a sheltered life. On top of that they deal with the same problems like any other teenager.

Problems ranging from peer pressure to self-discovery, the class touches on such issues and tries to find alternatives for each child," said D.J. Duarte, Innovation and Improvement Office quality instructor.

"This is our second time this year giving a class like this, but people that have taken our other courses (Seven Habits of Highly Effective People) in the past have told us the class helped them so much and they saw results.

"Some of the same people who took the adult class wanted their children to take the teenagers version," said Allen.

The classes are usu-

ally divided into four-day seminars, but the teenagers' class was all in one day.

According to the workshop, the seven habits of highly effective teens are: "1) Be Proactive. Take responsibility for your life. 2) Begin with the End in Mind. Define your mission and goals in life. 3) Put First Things First. Prioritize, and do the most important things first. 4) Think Win-Win. Have an everyone-can-win attitude. 5) Seek First to Understand, Then to be understood. Listen to people sincerely. 6) Synergize. Work together to achieve more. 7) Sharpen the Saw. Renew yourself regularly."

"These may seem to be simple habits, but in order to fully understand them, teenagers must know the opposites of them. Once they do, they will see how powerful the habits can be," said Allen.

For more information regarding the Seven Habits of Highly Effective workshop, contact 253-4719.



Lance Cpl. Ruben D. Calderon

Richy Redick (left), 15, discusses a question with Kyle Lee, 13, during a group session of the Seven Habits for Highly Effective Teens workshop. The workshop was customized to suit military teenagers.

NEWS BRIEFS

LOST AND FOUND

Marine Corps Exchange customers who have lost a personal item while shopping or walking near the vicinity of the exchange are urged to check with the Security Office's lost and found located inside the exchange for recovery of their item. Bank cards, ATM cards and credit cards, which have been lost can also be found at the Security Office.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

● One-lane traffic is scheduled 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Agan Road behind the Memorial Center to the Contractor's Gate, now through Aug. 31.

● One-lane traffic is scheduled 24 hours between Building 935 and Building 960 on Monzen Housing area, now through Aug. 31.

IWAKUNI HUNTING CLUB

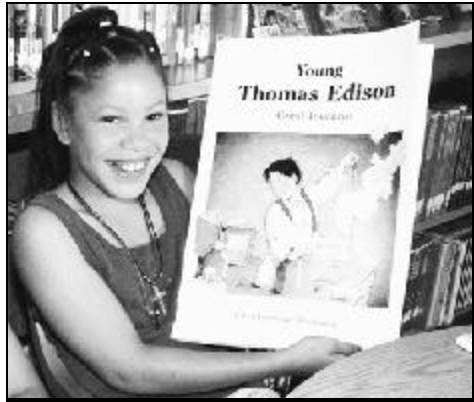
The Iwakuni Hunting Club is looking for individuals that would like to hunt in Japan. The cost of the course is about ¥85,000 for a three year license. This money covers your three year hunting license, gun book registration, skills test and first year insurance. The club hunts pheasant, wild boar, deer and duck. Those who want to hunt and take the classes need to sign-up no later than Monday. Call Mike Gingles at 253-5999 or 253-2112.

Station youth offered incentives for literacy

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The Station Library kicked off this year's summer reading program June 21st in an effort to inspire children ages 17 and under to dive into reading.

According to Station librarian Joy



Kevneshia Grooms, 10, holds up her current read, "Young Thomas Edison." Kevneshia said she loves to read about inventors.

Poyner, the program, dubbed, "Explore New Worlds," gives each participating youth a reading record sheet. With the supervision of a parent or guardian, the child lists the author and title of each completed book until the sheet is filled.

Poyner said participating youth should turn in each sheet individually to the library for verification, receiving a coupon from McDonalds or Mr. Donut as an award. A total of 10 coupons may be earned. However, readers should continue to turn in sheets, as three top-prize winners for each age division will be selected.

July 21st marks the end of the program. Participants will celebrate with an awards ceremony July 24th. The ceremony will include games and door prizes, said Poyner.

"This year is especially exciting because the child to read the most books in their age group wins a bicycle donated by MCCS (Marine Corps Community Services)," said

Poyner. "Second and third place winners will receive gift certificates from MCCS. There will also be several door prizes given away at the awards ceremony."

"The summer reading program is an annual event designed to encourage children to read," Poyner added. "We're basically supporting literacy by getting children to enjoy books."

Kevneshia Grooms, 10 read over 20 books during the first week of the program.

"It's in the blood," Grooms said. "I especially love reading about inventors."

Her twin sister, Norkeshia, shares her sentiments. "I like reading because I think it's fun to learn about history."

Norkeshia said so far she has learned about Anne Frank, Thomas



Dina Roman, 6, has earned drinks and fries while having fun reading.

Edison and Abraham Lincoln, due to the reading program.

"We want to encourage all the children of this base to participate," said Joyner. "This is a great opportunity for young children and their parents to read together. It also encourages older children to spend time enhancing their minds during the summer break."

TRICARE covers transitioning service members

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Service members permanently changing station can rest assure their health care coverage will PCS with them. However, traveling TRICARE Pacific beneficiaries need to be aware of certain things during their travel.

"Stopping by the TRICARE Service Center is the biggest key before departure," said Bill Charron, TRICARE Pacific marketing representative. "Beneficiaries receive all the information that they need to know while they are traveling, such as important phone numbers. They'll also turn in a form to let the health center know they are leaving. It's important

that they do things right so there are no out-of-pocket expenses."

Charron said it's also important that service members make sure they are up to date on all their routine care prior to departure.

"Eye appointments, pediatric appointments or shots, for example," he said.

Once service members are on their way, Charron said TRICARE will cover emergency and urgent care.

"Emergency is anything that is a threat to life, limb or eyesight," Charron said. "Urgent is something that needs to be seen within 24 hours, but you are not necessarily going to die from."

Charron said if a military hospital is not nearby during an emergency situation, service members should simply go to the nearest emergency room, making sure to get an itemized bill and receipt if they pay.

For urgent care, beneficiaries should call the regional TRICARE Service Center closest to where they are. Those numbers are available at the TRICARE service center and given to service members prior to departure.

Those desiring routine care while traveling can still receive it from any military facility on a space available basis as long as they have a military identification card, said Charron. Claims still need to be processed with the TRICARE Pacific claims processor at the facility. Beneficiaries should use their FPO mailing address for claims purposes.

"You are still covered by TRICARE Pacific before you check in to your next duty station," he said.

For more information on military health coverage, contact the TRICARE Service Center located on the first floor of the Branch Medical Clinic at 253-3126. Additional information is also available at www.tricare.osd.mil.

Preparation key for transitioning job seekers

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Combat Correspondent

Service members separating from the military may feel liberated, but they won't be issued orders for their next job.

With a current unemployment rate of 5.7 percent, finding work can be intimidating in today's civilian job market.

Drew Myers, president of RecruitMarines.com and former Marine Corps captain, suggests three steps to successful employment; pick one or more suitable "civilian military occupational specialties," publicize credentials, and use facilitators.

"Here's my advice on choosing civilian MOS's," said Myers. "First, find out what categories of jobs are growing, what the experts say about future growth, and what various categories pay. Then determine the best match-ups between your interest in certain general types

of work and the growth and earnings potential of that work."

A good place to begin this research is the Occupational Employment Statistics program Web site (www.bls.gov/oes/home.htm). This program is part of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and publishes estimates of the numbers of people employed in more than 700 occupations as well as the wages they receive.

Another critical step in finding a civilian job is publicizing credentials.

"Suppose you maintain and repair armored vehicles for the Marine Corps," said Myers. "You should publicize your record by specifying your MOS, your unit, your length of service in the unit, and the kinds of vehicles and components you have serviced. Then you should say what your capabilities would be in a civilian setting."

Key to this step is developing a solid, professional work resume, said Don Straits, chief

executive officer of Corporate Warriors, a career assistance company.

"The resume is a two or three page in-depth review of positions, responsibilities, accomplishments, education, professional development, professional affiliations and community service," said Straits. "The focus should be on key accomplishments."

For a professional resume building resource, visit www.careerbuilder.com.

The third step, using facilitators, ensures this information gets into the right hands.

"A facilitator can be a civilian friend or acquaintance who has job contacts you can use," said Myers. "A facilitator can be a person who has been following local business developments that might interest you. A facilitator can be an individual who left the service several years ago and who can tell you about how he or she went about finding employment."

Japanese treasure found on Station

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Tucked away in a quiet corner of the Station, a doorway exists into a world of ancient Japanese art and culture.

Finders Keepers Antiques, located across the street from the post office, offers a wide selection of historic treasures from a variety of periods at competitive prices.

"I would say that two thirds of the people here haven't even been in this shop," said Timothy Theis, store owner. "This is a great place to buy pieces for your home or to buy gifts for parents and girlfriends. We have authentic antiques here from \$10 and up."

Theis said his is the only antique shop on any base in Japan.

"We have people that come here from Yokosuka and Okinawa to buy antiques," he said. "It's very important to me that we provide quality, authentic Japanese pieces at highly competitive prices." Theis, a retired university professor, enjoys discussing the collection with his guests.

"One of my jobs as I see it is to educate people about oriental antiques," said Theis. "My inclination is to instruct people about what's here. I can tell them what a piece is and what it does."

His passion is revealed as he shows off his collection of carved, cherry wood bookplates. Each Edo-period bookplate is unique and contains kanji carvings by master carvers, explains Theis.

Theis said there are two things everyone should take back with them when they leave Japan: hand-woven bamboo baskets and iron or bronze decorative containers.

"The baskets contain four elements: root wood, twig, bamboo, and rattan, but

not all baskets have all four elements in them," said Theis, showing examples of each. "You can't get antique, bamboo baskets like these in the states."

Bronze or iron containers, another must according to Theis, are especially useful for Japanese flower arrangements known as ikebana.

"The Japanese are masters at bronze and iron work," said Theis. "You can't get this kind of intricacy anywhere else."

The shop offers a wide selection of larger pieces as well, including antique mirrors, tables and dressers.

"I'm a purist," said Theis. "I believe the reason people are attracted to antiques is the look. Not only the artwork, but the 'patina' (the discoloration that occurs over time). Human patina can occur when oils, scratches or smoke wear on a piece over long

stretches of time. It gives a piece character."

Character is in no short supply at Finders Keepers Antiques, a place for Japanese culture this side of the gate.



Kokeshi dolls are art pieces treasured for centuries in Japan. They are displayed in all sizes and prices at the Finders Keepers Antiques Shop.



Bamboo baskets, hand woven in a variety of styles, are a popular item in the Finders Keepers Antique Shop.

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Federal Post Card Application and then submit it to the proper election official," added Aubert.

Federal Post Card Applications are also available at the Voting Office.

Once the card has been filled out and mailed to the residential state, the state in turn will mail back information on candidates, dates, and general information.

"This should be done once a year to keep all information updated," said Aubert.

Another alternative for absentee voters is the Online Federal Post Card Application. With this resource, absentee voters can vote using the Internet. Although it is provided as a convenience and as a timesaving al-

ternative, different states have certain requirements for absentee voting that does not include OFPCA.

For information on OFPCA, go to www.fvap.gov.

U.S. citizens who wish to register could also use the Federal Post Card Application and send it to their state of residence.

According to the Defense Department's Inspector General Office, nearly six of every 10 service members did not know who their voting officers were during the 2000 presidential elections.

Station leaders hope this will not be the reason residents here will not vote.

For more information on absentee ballots or voting registration, contact the Voting Office at 253-5366.

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Throughout the days' activities, troops also had a chance to look back on what they have accomplished since deploying to Iraq. Independence Day held special meaning for many of them, as they had a hand in bringing about independence for the Iraqis.

"It's really sort of an honor," said Schultz. "We get to give them the same freedom that we have."

"I think everyone deserves a chance at freedom, a chance to live a

life like they want to live," said Sgt. Paul A. Dube, the 1st FSSG's future operations chief and a 25-year-old native of Minor Hill, Tenn.

Some Marines are even optimistic that the Iraqis may eventually celebrate June 28 as their "Independence Day."

"They will hopefully reflect back to the sacrifices the Americans made to make that happen," said Maj. Kenneth L. Crabtree, a 34-year-old native of Nazareth, Pa. and also one of the event coordinators.

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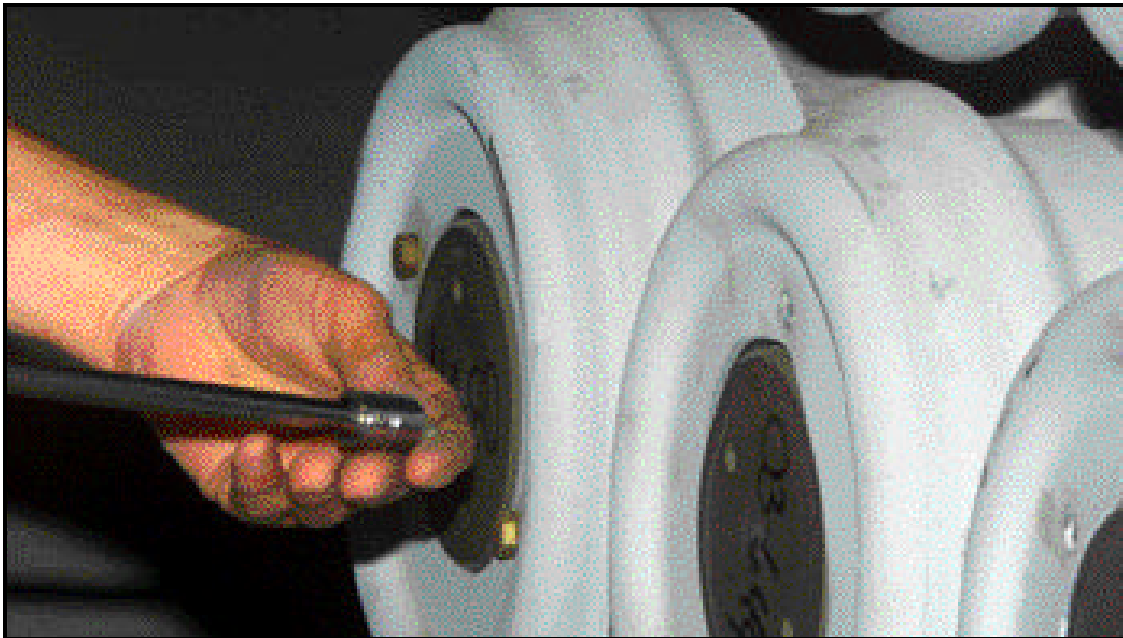
of e-mails, there is an easy way to find out and prevent a bad experience.

"If unsure about an e-mail send it to

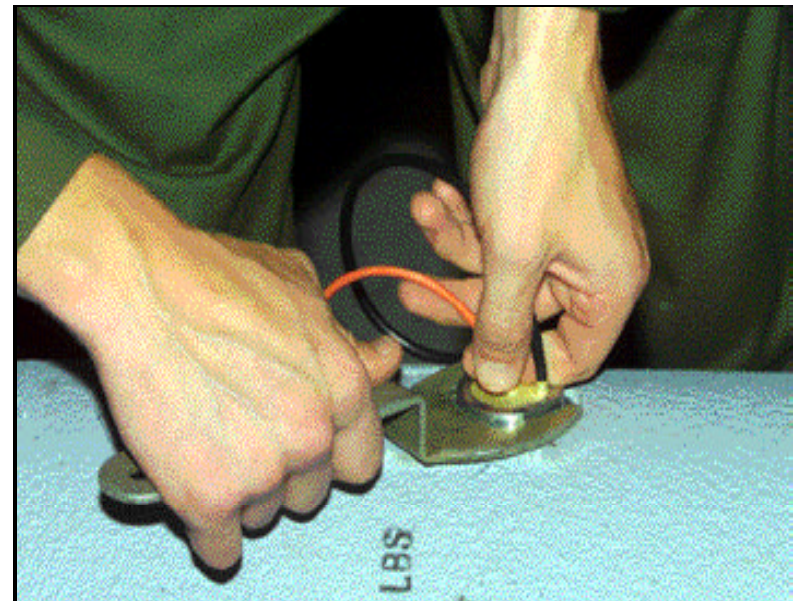
us. We have the resource to verify the validity of Web sites," said Stinson. "You can send any e-mails to iasmb@usmc.mil and we will let you know if the Web site is valid, which very few are."



Lance Cpl. Rudolpho Veinas, MALS-11 aviation ordnance technician, steadies a load of ordnance during a weapons Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska during Northern Edge '04.



500-pound high explosive bombs are capped for transportation.



Cpl. Adam Klein, MALS-11 aviation ordnance technician, secures a fuse to a 500-pounder during NE '04.



Lance Cpl. Ashley Dillon, MALS-11 aviation ordnance technician, puts the finishing touches on a 500-pound high explosive bomb during a deployment buildup.

Marines blast away Northern Edge '04

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL LYDIA DAVEY
Combat Correspondent

What do bombing ranges and the enemy have in common? If they're targeted by Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225, they can both thank the ordnance Marines of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11.

A recent deployment to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, for the joint-service Exercise Northern Edge '04, provided a blast of adventure for the shop.

During the exercise, the Marines built several different types of weapons, said Lance Cpl. Ashley Dillon, aviation ordnance technician.

"We put together 500 and 1,000-pound inert bombs, and 500-pound active bombs," said Dillon.

A typical day for the ordnance men and women consisted of receiving the day's ordnance work order, gathering the appropriate material and building the bombs in a shed several miles off base.

"During Desert Storm, we would produce up to 1,000 bombs a day," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Ramey, MALS-11 ordnance supervisor. "Here in Alaska, the pace is slower."

After building the bombs, the Marines transport them to VMFA(AW)-225's awaiting aircraft. But for the ordnance technicians, the day isn't nearly done.

"We wait until the aircraft return, and if they have any ordnance left over, we inventory it. We know where every weapon is," stated Dillon. "After the inventory, we'll either break (the ordnance) down

or store it for upcoming missions."

Long hours are only part of the job's challenge, said Lance Cpl. Cody Williams, ordnance technician.

"The toughest part of the job is the physical work," said Williams. "In ordnance, you're always moving or lifting heavy stuff."

Because of the nature of the work, safety plays a key role in daily activities, he added.

"The thing I enjoy most about the job is the camaraderie. Our job can be dangerous, so we're always looking out for each other and watching one another's back," said Williams.

Camaraderie comes in handy during deployments, noted Ramey.

"It's tough for Marines to be away from their families for long periods at a time," said Ramey. "So our shop works like one big happy family."

Northern Edge is an exercise designed to enhance

interoperability among the services by sharpening and honing joint-service techniques and procedures. It helps provide a ready force capable of protecting America's interests at home and abroad.



Ordnance Marines of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11 prepare to transport bombs to Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225. The Marines were deployed to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, in support of the joint-service exercise Northern Edge '04.



Lt. Hana Parks, MALS-11 aviation ordnance technician, works on a load of 500-pound inert bombs at the build-site during Northern Edge '04.



Cpl. Adam Klein, MALS-11 aviation ordnance technician, straps down a load of bombs at the build-site in Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, during Northern Edge '04.

Unwinding with arts and crafts

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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The Arts and Crafts Store, located at the Crossroads Mall, gives residents the chance to express themselves creatively through Japanese crafts.

Several classes are available for Station residents at the store. Taught by different instructors, each individual class teaches and shows how to make unique crafts influenced by the Japanese culture.

Classes available are Basket Weaving, Tole Painting, Silk Flower Arranging, Ceramics, Japanese Doll-Making, Gift-wrapping (with Japanese influenced designs), Scrap Booking, Washi, Obi tying or fans, Drawing, Ikebana and Chigirie (making pictures with paper).

The Stevenson family, just one of the many groups of people to take advantage of the class' offerings, spent a morning learning the art of making Washi (decorated boxes).

"I think it's a fun activity to do. Especially with the family," said Robert Stevenson, first time Arts and Crafts student. "I came along with my wife, Cecilia, and my 9-year-old daughter, Alicia, and we're having a great time."

Agnes Westberry, Arts and Crafts recreational attendant, taught the class.

"It's very enjoyable to teach people how to make these creations," Westberry said.

The Washi class is a course designed to show



Agnes Westberry, Arts and Crafts recreational attendant, guides Cecilia and Robert Stevenson in the Washi class.

how to make fancy boxes out of cartons of milk.

"It is very easy, and at the same time so fun to make," said Mrs. Stevenson. "This is the first time that we, as a family, have done something like this. I always come and stop by the store, but until now the classes never grabbed my attention."

Students must sign-up 24 hours in advance. All class fees must be paid at the time of sign-up. Classes are priced per person.

No refunds or exchanges can be made for missed classes. Cancellations must be given 24 hours in advance in order to transfer the class to another day or to receive a refund.

The Arts and Crafts Store is looking for



A Washi sits on a table as the final product of the Stevenson family. A Washi class is one of the many classes available at the Arts and Crafts Store.

anyone interested in sharing their talents as an instructor.

For more information on the classes, contact 253-6621.



Cecilia Stevenson and her daughter, Alicia, spend a day at the Arts and Crafts Store making and designing their own Washi.

OUT THE GATE

Note: Japanese who do not speak English may answer the phone numbers provided.

Ikuo Hirayama Retrospective Exhibition

Approximately 40 pieces of block print produced by Ikuo Hirayama, a renowned Japanese traditional painter, will be viewed and sold at the exhibition room in Sinfonia Iwakuni today through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free. Fine arts produced by some other artists

beside Hirayama, also will be displayed. Call 0120-001286 for details.

Hiroshima Morning Market

There is a morning market held along Peace Boulevard (Heiwa Odori) in Hiroshima every Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Agricultural products and sea foods are sold. It may be cancelled in case of inclement weather. For details, call 082-845-4376.

Iwakuni Calligraphy Association Exhibition

An exhibition displaying 81 pieces of Japanese calligraphy by the mem-

bers of the association now through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Iwakuni City Auditorium Exhibition Room. It closes at 4 p.m. only on Sunday. Admission is free. Call 31-1189 for more information.

Saturday Fair

A fair will be held along a city street in Motomachi, near a store called The Big, Saturday, July 17 and 24, 6-9 p.m. Booths will be set up to sell snacks, drinks and sweets. A bazaar is also scheduled. Saturday's fair will be postponed to Sunday in case of rain. If it rains on July 17 and 24, the fair will be cancelled.



TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

To submit your ads or announcements: *Torii Teller* accepts ads/announcements from nonprofit organizations and groups only. Briefs run on space-available and time-

priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. *Torii Teller* reserves the right to edit to fit space. Stop by Building 1, Room 216 to fill out a form.

AUTOMOBILES

Ford Telstar II, 1996, 4 door, new brakes, new tire, 6 CD changer, runs great, JCI until April 2005, \$2,500. Call Robert Franklin at 31-6587 awh or 090-9736-4481.

Mazda Bongo, 1993, van, good tires, runs great, cold air, good maintenance record, JCI until Aug. 2004, \$200 obo. Call Brian at 253-2264.

Mazda SUV, 1993, JCI until July 2004, \$500. Call Sarah Raby at 253-3609 dwh or 253-2989 awh.

Honda Prelude, 1995, 2 door, 5 speed, great car, must sell, JCI until Nov. 2004, \$1,500 obo. Call

Paula Mullis at 253-2415.

Mitsubishi RVR, 1993, 3 door, 4 passenger, CD player, cold A/C, \$1,500 obo. Call Sgt. Adams at 253-3594 dwh or 090-9503-4739.

Mazda MPV, 1992, mini van, good condition, JCI until Jan. 2005, \$700 obo. Call Cpl. Reicha at 253-3003 dwh or Andrea at 253-2545.

Toyota Surf, 1992, CD player, custom rims/tires, well maintained, SUV, JCI until March 2006, \$3,500 obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

Nissan Cedric, 1992, JCI until June 2006, \$2,500

obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

Toyota Windom, 1992, 4 door, paid \$2,500 nine months ago, owner had to leave, JCI until April 2005, \$1,200. Call J. Stroup at 253-3327 dwh or 31-8422 awh.

Mitsubishi Pajero, 1990, 4 door, wagon, excellent gas mileage, 4 WD, turbo, JCI until Sept. 2005, \$1,800 obo. Call Christina Boyd at 253-3331 dwh or Deb Edson at 090-1709-7255 awh.

Honda Saber, 1995, AM/FM/CD, A/C, new tires, must sell, PCS in Aug, excellent condition, JCI until Nov. 2004, \$3,500. Call

Capt. Mariott at 253-2436.

Harley Davidson, Tour Glide Classic, 1988, mint condition, well maintained, JCI until March 2006, \$8,500 obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc., bedroom set, 2 nightstands, dresser with large mirror, queen/king headboard, Big Man's navy blue leather recliner/rocker, great condition, \$250 obo; 2 month old dryer, nothing wrong with it, \$150. Call Cpl Reicha at 253-3003 or Andrea at 253-2545.

Misc., bench craft recliner, \$150 obo; Ashley furni-

ture set, couch/loveseat, \$800 obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

Misc., entertainment center, \$100; oak coffee table, \$75; futon, \$100; crib, \$30; prowler bike trailer, \$50; Johnny jumper, \$20; 5 piece couch and tables, less than 4 months old, \$1,600; classic Pooh baby - hamper, \$10; wall hangings, \$50; lamp, \$50; comforter and fitted sheet, \$25; valance, \$20; sold together or separate. Call Capt. Mariott at 253-2436.

JOB OPENINGS

Community Bank

A part time teller position is open. If you are a hard worker and interested in the financial services industry, contact Marcia Hashman or Kimberly Thrush at 253-3852. Prior cash handling and customer service preferred.

Commissary

Full/part time Commissary Deli employees are needed. \$6.50/hour. Japanese nationals welcome to apply. Applications may be picked up at the deli.

CHRO (253-6828)

Clinic:

-Social Worker

MCCS:

-Financial Fitness Counselor

Logistics:

-Supply Management Officer

Facilities:

-Housing Management Assistant

DECA:

-Sales Store Checker (Student Temporary Employment Program)

MCCS (253-3030)

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel)


MCCS Job Listing:

-Procurement Assistant, civilian only

-Senior Sales Associate, civilian only

-Head Cashier

-Beautician



MOVIE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. The Mummy Returns (PG-13)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Hot Shots! (PG-13)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Vanilla Sky (R)
 2 a.m. The One (PG-13)

SATURDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Sinbad: Legend Of The Seven Seas (G)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Butch Cassidy And The Sundance Kid (PG)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Beverly Hills Cop (R)
 2 a.m. Original Sin (R)

SUNDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Cinderella (G)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. First Knight (PG-13)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Swordfish (R)
 2 a.m. Panic Room (R)

MONDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. A Guy Thing (PG-13)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. The Perfect Storm (PG-13)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Hart's War (R)
 2 a.m. Lost Souls (R)

TUESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. A Walk To Remember (PG)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Serendipity (PG-13)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Mystic River (R)
 2 a.m. Batman (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. The Hunt For Red October (PG)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Innerspace (PG)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Bandits (PG-13)
 2 a.m. Valentine (PG-13)

THURSDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days (PG-13)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Jurassic Park (PG-13)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Training Day (R)
 2 a.m. Joe Dirt (PG-13)

SAKURA THEATER



CONNIE AND CARLA

Connie and Carla, Chicago dinner theater performers accidentally witness a mafia hit and subsequently hit the road, running for their lives. Assuming the killers will never look for them in a place devoid of culture, the pair head to Los Angeles, where they assume new identities and find their mid-dling talent at song and dance perfectly suited to new careers - as drag queens. (98 minutes)



MEAN GIRLS

Raised in the African bush country by her zoologist parents, Cady Heron thinks she knows about "survival of the fittest." But the law of the jungle takes on a whole new meaning when the home-schooled 15-year-old enters public high school for the first time and falls prey to the psychological warfare and unwritten social rules that teenage girls face today. (97 minutes)



THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

An ambitious high school senior, Matthew, with dreams of a career in politics is overjoyed to discover that his new neighbor, 19-year-old Danielle, is absolutely beautiful, and they fall in love quickly, head over heels. Their relationship is put to the test, however when he discovers that she used to be a porn star. (109 minutes)

FRIDAY

12 p.m. Ice Age (PG)
 3 p.m. Clock Stoppers (PG)
 7 p.m. Kill Bill Volume 2 (R)
 10 p.m. The Girl Next Door (R)

SATURDAY

1 p.m. Ella Enchanted (PG)
 4 p.m. Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban (PG)
 7 p.m. Kill Bill Volume 2 (R)
 10 p.m. The Punisher (R)

SUNDAY

4 p.m. Laws Of Attraction (PG-13)
 7 p.m. Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban (PG)

MONDAY

1 p.m. The Lion King (G)
 3 p.m. 13 Going On 30 (PG-13)
 7 p.m. Laws Of Attraction (PG-13)

TUESDAY

7 p.m. Connie And Carla (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. Scooby Doo 2 (PG)
 3 p.m. Ella Enchanted (PG)
 7 p.m. Troy (R)

THURSDAY

7 p.m. Mean Girls (PG-13)

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. For show times call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EDUCATION

Test Schedule

Tuesdays/Fridays - CLEP, DSST

Wednesday - ACT

For more information call 253-3855.

CHRO

CHRO Training

■ **Conflict Across Cultures:** July 27-29, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information and nomination, call 253-6828 or send e-mail to shiomuram.jp@iwakuni.usmc.mil. Classes will be held at Building one, Room 102.

MCCS

CRMC Classes (253-6439)

■ **Teaching English Tips:** Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m.

■ **Hello USA:** Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ **Ten Steps To Federal Employment:** Thursday, 1-3 p.m.

■ **Transition Assistance Program Seminar:** Monday through July 16, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Club Iwakuni (253-3728)

■ **Monday Night Bingo:** All ranks at 6:15 p.m. in the Landing Zone Dining Room.

■ **Chef Kitoko's Seafood Classics:** Fridays, 5-9 p.m. En-

joy a special seafood menu featuring crab legs, lobster tail, rainbow trout and more.

MCX (253-5641)

■ **Devil Dog Tuesdays:** Every Tuesday in July, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., customers at the MCX 7-Day Store can receive one free hot dog per person.

■ **Santa Bucks:** Now through July 31, MCX patrons receive a Santa Buck for every \$10 spent in a single purchase.

Youth Center (253-4769)

■ **Camp Adventure And Panther Cub Camp 2004:** Registration is ongoing. The camp is Wednesday through Aug. 20, available for 3 to 12-years-olds. Sign-up fees are based on total family income. L.E.S. is required upon registration. Grade school children may participate in weekly excursions outside the gate.

Teen Center (253-6454)

■ **Keystone Meeting:** Every Friday, 5-7 p.m.

■ **Washuzan Highland Park In Okayama:** July 16, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is ¥2,500. Sign-up before Tuesday.

Single Marine Program (253-3891)

■ **Fukuoka Sea Hawks Town:** Sunday, 7 a.m.

■ **Pizza Night:** Tuesday, 6 p.m.

■ **Tokyo Fun Trip:** Wednesday through July 17. Call 253-3585 or 253-5950 for details.

Yukata Classes

Thursday afternoons in July and August. If you would like to learn how to properly adorn a yukata, Japanese summer cotton kimono, Call Yoko Seo at 253-6165.

Children's Story Time

Fridays, 10-11 a.m. Call 253-3078 to confirm. Come and listen to stories and enjoy activities such as singing and crafts. For children up to 5-years-old who are accompanied by an adult.

National Foreign Language Month at Bookstore

Join us at the bookstore in Crossroads Mall and see our selection of new books. Enter to win a \$25 bookstore coupon. Call 253-5849 for details.

COMMUNITY

Matthew C. Perry Schools

Summer office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. All new families need to come by the schools and register for the school year upon arrival. For more information, call 253-3327 or 253-5449.

Sure Start

Applications are now being accepted for school year 2004-2005. Children must be 4-years-old by Oct. 31, 2004. Pick up an

application at the Matthew C. Perry Elementary School Office. Call 253-3447 for details.

Vacation Bible School

This will be held Aug. 2-6, 6-8 p.m. for ages 3 to 18-years-old. Call 253-5218 for details.

Crime Stoppers

If you have any information pertaining to a crime please call "Crime Stoppers" at 253-3333. Crime Stoppers is an answering service designed for anonymous callers to give information that would assist the Provost Marshal's Office in solving and preventing crime.

Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. and the last Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Building 1117, located next to the Chapel. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. Call 253-4721 for more information.

Iwakuni Toastmasters

Toastmasters (TM) International provides an excellent opportunity to learn and practice proper public speaking and invaluable leadership skills. The TM experience also looks very good on your resume. The class meets every 2nd Thursday evening and 4th Friday at lunch. Japanese with intermediate or better English skills are welcome. Call Sallie Donahue at 253-5328 for more information.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	10:45 a.m.	CCD

Protestant

Sunday	8 a.m.	Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/ Adult Bible Fellowships
	11 a.m.	Gospel Worship Service
	7 p.m.	Liturgical Divine Worship (1st Sunday of the Month)

Cooperative Chapel Ministries

3rd Saturday	8 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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LAY LED SERVICES

Church of Christ

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Bible Study

Jesus Christ Apostolic

Sunday	12:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study

Seventh-Day Adventist

2nd & 4th Saturdays	9:30 a.m.	Sabbath School/Worship
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Jewish

Every other Friday	6 p.m.	Shabbat
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Latter Day Saints

Sunday	1 p.m.	Priesthood/RS Meeting
	2 p.m.	Sunday School
	3 p.m.	Sacrament

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity, call the Station Chapel at 253-5218.



Lance Cpl. Josh Johnson

Happy Fourth of July!

Station residents and Iwakuni locals gathered by Penny Lake Sunday for a Marine Corps Community Services' sponsored 4th of July celebration. The evening began with friendly competitions, food and a live disk jockey. The event ended with a spectacular display of fireworks.

Latin dance heats up Tuesday nights

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Known for its upbeat music and sensual movements, Salsa has been adding spice to the lives of Station residents now for a year and a half.

For \$8 a session, anyone can learn to Salsa from the Latin dance class at the IronWorks Gym every Tuesday night from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m.

According to Jackie Cortez, Latin dance instructor, the class focuses on beginners, teaching them fundamental steps. From there, dancers are guided in developing their own unique movements.

"I teach students the basics here," Cortez said. "As soon as they know how to dance, they find their own styles and try new things."

Cortez said the class teaches the basic movements of Merengue, Bachata and Salsa.

"I especially focus on Salsa, because it's the hardest and it's the one everybody wants to learn the most," she said.

Cortez, who has been teaching Latin dance for over 10 years, said that beginners should feel comfortable and enjoy themselves in her class.

"Anyone can learn," she said. "If I see someone is having trouble, I ask them about their favorite sport or activity and relate it to that."

Cortez said students should find personal meaning in their dancing, expressing themselves through the movement.

"Dancing is a form of expression,"



Jose Gonzalez, dance student, and Jackie Cortez, Latin dance instructor, practice basic steps with the accompaniment of a lively, salsa beat.

she said. "It's like being in your own little world where you can just be yourself."

More than that, Cortez said Latin dancing emphasizes personal connections.

"You can dance with someone you've never met before and still have that connection," Cortez said. "That's what makes it unique. It's a way of getting to know someone."

Jose Gonzalez, Latin dance student for six months, has been making connections and gaining confidence by attending Salsa nights at Club Iwakuni.

"New people need to try it at least one time," Gonzales said. "Then they can see if it's for them. For me, it gets me in touch with my cultural roots."

In addition to the dance class, Cortez offers a Latin cardio class Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

"It's more like a workout," Cortez



Jackie Cortez, Latin dance instructor, showcases style and grace with Jerry Echon, a student for over one year, June 30.

said. "We use weights with the same basic steps."

Cortez believes that the energizing nature of the dance provides an exciting way to maintain fitness.

"I can come in feeling really tired,

but as soon as I start dancing, I come alive," Cortez said.

For more information about the dance class or cardio workout, call 253-3696.

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

INDOOR POOL CLOSURE

The Indoor Pool at the IronWorks Gym will be closed all day on Saturday for chlorination.

DOLLAR TUESDAYS AT TORII PINES AND THE EAGLE'S NEST

Every Tuesday, from 1 p.m. U.S. and Japanese active duty service members play golf for \$1. Then from 1-8 p.m., service members show their \$1 green fee receipt at the Eagle's Nest Lounge to receive a \$1 draft beer and a \$1 order of buffalo wings. Only one order per service member is allowed. Call 253-3402 for details.

SUSA DIVE TRIP

Saturday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign-up for \$70 includes scuba gear, tanks, bus transportation, charter boat fee and marine park entry fee. No spear fishing or collecting of wildlife allowed. Only 10 seats

available. For more information, call 253-4966.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CLASS

Class is held Monday through July 16. Register today or call 253-4966 for more details.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

Register at the Aquatics Office in the IronWorks Gym for Session 3 (July 19-30) and Session 4 (Aug. 2-13). Sign-up costs \$30 per session. Classes are held Monday through Friday. MCCA Samurai Summer campers receive discount registration but only swim part-time (two days a week). Call 253-4966 for details.

- Levels 1-3 swim 10-10:45 a.m. and 5-5:45 p.m.
- Levels 4-7 swim 9-9:45 a.m. and 4-4:45 p.m.
- IRAP (Parents with toddlers) swim 9-9:30 a.m. or 4-4:30 p.m.

Last Stop shoots lights out, win 65-58

LANCECPL. RUBEN D. CALDERON
Combat Correspondent

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron's Last Stop (9-0) added another victory to their undefeated record July 1, downing H&HS Remix team, 65-58 at the IronWorks Gym during Summer league action.

Remix (1-6) took control of the ball at the opening tip-off, but that proved to be the last time the team would be in control.

The first half showcased Last Stop drilling nonstop shots from the outside, keeping Remix's defense on their heels.

By the end of the first half, Last Stop was dominating with a commanding lead 43-25. The second half proved to be a bit more competitive.

"We play better when we're warmed up. We make constant improvements when we start playing," said Chris Butler, Remix team player.

Remix closed their deficit to five points, but that's as close as they would get. At the final whistle, Last Stop easily won by seven.

"We knew we were going to win," boasted Wilson. "We're a new team, and we have to work out some things like our ball movement

and a few other minor things. We're already preparing for the next game and eventually the championship."

Regardless of the outcome of the game or their record, Remix keeps their hopes alive for the remainder of the season.

"They played a good game, but we just have to find our groove," said Rene Duran, Remix player. "Once we find that groove, we're going to start winning a whole lot more games. I think that us coming back from the first half proves that."

Calvin C. Hargrett and Benjamin S. Akins led Last Stop with 16 points a piece.

The next game for the victorious Last Stop will be today at the IronWorks Gym. They will play the Islanders, who are 3-4.

"We expect to win that game, too," said Wilson. But at any given day, anything can happen. We'll just have to wait and see."



Lance Cpl. Ruben D. Calderon

Christopher Rios, Last Stop player, drives to the hole, shaking the defense of the Remix team, to score an easy two points.



Lance Cpl. Lydia Davey

Calvin Hagrett, Last Stop player, leaves Remix players standing on the ground as he explodes toward the rim.



Lance Cpl. Lydia Davey

Last Stop's Dale Dudley kisses the ball of the backboard while Remix's Andrew James and Kenard Smith can't do anything, but watch the basket drop.